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AN ACT

To repeal section 53.010, RSMo, relating to assessors, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 53.010, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu
2 thereof, to be known as section 53.010, to read as follows:

53.010. 1. At the general election in the year 1948 and every four years thereafter the
2 qualified voters in each county in this state shall elect a county assessor. Such county assessors
3 shall enter upon the discharge of their duties on the first day of September next after their
4 election, and shall hold office for a term of four years, and until their successors are elected and
5 qualified, unless sooner removed from office; provided, that this section shall not apply to the
6 city of St. Louis. The assessor shall be a resident of the county from which such person was
7 elected.

8 2. The office of county assessor is created in each county having township organization
9 and a county assessor shall be elected for each township organization county at the next general
10 election, or at a special election called for that purpose by the governing body of such county.
11 If a special election is called, the state and each political subdivision or special district submitting
12 a candidate or question at such election shall pay its proportional share of the costs of the
13 election, as provided by section 115.065, RSMo. Such assessor shall assume office immediately
14 upon his **or her** election and qualification, and shall serve until his **or her** successor is elected
15 and qualified under the provisions of subsection 1 of this section. Laws generally applicable to
16 county assessors, their offices, clerks, and deputies shall apply to and govern county assessors
17 in township organization counties, and laws applicable to county assessors, their offices, clerks,
18 and deputies in third class counties and laws applicable to county assessors, their offices, clerks,

19 and deputies in fourth class counties shall apply to and govern county assessors, their offices,
20 clerks, and deputies in township organization counties of the respective classes, except that when
21 such general laws and such laws applicable to third and fourth class counties conflict with the
22 laws specially applicable to county assessors, their offices, clerks, and deputies in township
23 organization counties, the laws specially applicable to county assessors, their offices, clerks, and
24 deputies in township organization counties shall govern.

25 **3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of this section, any county**
26 **assessor elected or appointed to his or her first term shall, within twenty-four months**
27 **following the date he or she took office, be minimally certified as a state licensed appraiser**
28 **by the Missouri real estate appraisers commission. Evidence of such certification shall be**
29 **filed with the state tax commission within sixty days of such certification, or, if the assessor**
30 **is certified as of the date he or she took office, within sixty days of such date.**

31 **4. Any assessor who has not met the certification requirements of subsection 3 of**
32 **this section within twenty-four months following the date he or she took office shall forfeit**
33 **that office, and that office shall be declared vacant and the vacancy filled as required by**
34 **law. The provisions of this subsection and subsection 3 of this section shall not apply to the**
35 **assessor of any county of the first classification with a charter form of government or to**
36 **any assessor appointed or elected prior to August 28, 2002.**